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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

Yoshiaki KOMATSU

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**APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Nguyen during the July 28, 2006 personal interview. Applicant herein provides a separate record of the personal interview.

During the interview, Applicant's representatives presented arguments that the claimed invention is distinguishable over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,756,972 and 6,353,193 for the reasons presented in the June 26, 2006 Amendment. Examiner Nguyen agreed that the claims are allowable over the applied references; however, he will conduct an updated search prior to agreeing to allow the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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